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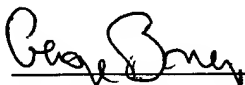
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,021,828 issued to Yamaguchi et al., dated June 4, 1991.

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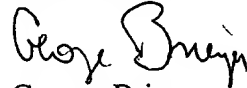

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The reference was cited in an Office Action dated September 16, 2004, received from the European Patent Office. Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited reference, together with a copy of the Office Action. Please note that reference US 5,594,529, also cited in the Office Action, was previously submitted in Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement dated September 18, 2002. The relevance of all the identified references has been described in the Office Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits an Office Action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited submitted. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent Application is that the Office Action issued in a foreign patent Application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the Office Action, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present Application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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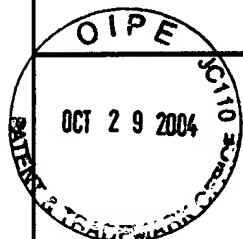
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37 CFR 1.97(b)

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2. ☒ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of:

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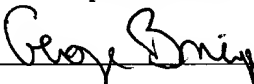
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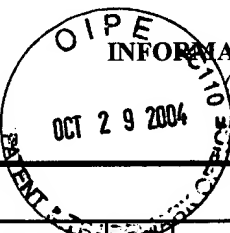
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